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SUBJECT: MORE DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE WEST BANK

- 1. PROTESTS INTENSIFIED AS DID ISRAELI REPRESSION MARCH 16 IN SEVERAL WEST BANK TOWNS AS PALESTINIAN STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED OPPOSITION TO ISRAELI OCCUPATION OF PARTS OF SOUTH LEBANON.
- 2. IN RAMALLAH, LARGE GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS AND BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY CLASHED WITH SECURITY FORCES. ACCORDING TO AN EYEWITNESS, MANY STUDENTS WERE BLOODIED IN BEATINGS AND MORE THAN TWO BUSLOADS WERE ARRESTED. THOSE DETAINED INCLUDED AT LEAST ONE AMCIT, ANAED SANED OF BIR ZEIT, ACCORDING TO THE QUAKER LEGAL AID OFFICE.
- 3. OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTED IN NABLUS, JENIN, TULKARM HALHUL AND THROUGHOUT EAST JERUALEM. ARRESTS AND INJURIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNKNOWN.

4. COMMENT: BEGINNING OF MUSLIM WEEKEND WILL ALLOW FOR A COOLING-OFF PERIOD AT THE SCHOOLS, BUT ISRAELIS WILL NO DOUBT REINFORCE IN JERUSALEM TOMORROW IN ANTICIPATION OF DEMONSTRATIONS FOLLOWING FRIDAY PRAYERS. AS EVIDENCED BY DEMONSTRATIONS, ISRAELI STRIKE AGAINST THE PLO HAS TENDED

TO CLOSE PALESTINIAN RANKS. NEWLIN

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